

# MAN DIES IN WEEK-END TRAFFIC

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### Torrance to Vote Tuesday On School Loan, Tax Issue

Torrance voters will go to the polls next Tuesday to vote upon two proposals which would provide more money for new buildings and increased costs of operation in the Torrance Unified School District.

The first measure would authorize acceptance of a \$14,000,000 loan from the state of California to build eight or nine new elementary schools needed to alleviate the critical double session program in Torrance.

### Northrop Confirms New Torrance Plant

An important addition to Torrance's growing industrial community was confirmed this week when Northrop Aircraft, Inc. formally announced its establishment of a new administrative and storage facility in the city. The details of the move were first carried in the HERALD on Sept. 16.

Approximately 700 company personnel are expected to occupy the 108,000 square foot installation at 2131-33-35 Dominguez Ave. on a gradual basis, beginning Nov. 1, according to an announcement by Robert R. Miller, Northrop vice president and general manager.

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### Blood Needed For Fight By 10-Year-Old

Blood donors are urgently needed at the Oct. 15 bloodmobile to replace blood used by a 10-year-old boy, Wesley Williams, who is a patient at Harbor General Hospital.

Discovery of the boy's plight was brought to the attention of blood bank chairman, Mrs. Gordon Jones, by the president of Volunteers for Children, Mrs. John Stoddard, whose group will go to the bank on that date to donate for the boy in order to keep him alive.

"But," said Mrs. Jones, "a few donors cannot begin to replace the supply that this boy needs, therefore we are asking Torrance citizens to come into the auditorium on Oct. 15 and inform the receptionist that you wish to donate your blood for Wesley Williams."

The bloodmobile hours are from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the Civic Auditorium is located at the corner of El Prado and Cravens.

Other Northrop installations are located in Anaheim, Palmdale, Edwards Air Force Base, El Segundo, Pasadena and Van Nuys, Calif.; Alamogordo, New Mexico; El Paso, Texas; and Cocoa, Florida.

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### 15 Cases of Disease Reported in District

The Torrance health area had a relatively healthy week ending Sept. 22, with only 15 cases of disease reported, according to the Los Angeles County Health Department.

The city of Torrance had only five cases reported—two of polio and one each of measles, epilepsy, and infectious gonococcus.

Unincorporated areas reported two cases each of epilepsy and mumps and one of pertussis. Redondo Beach had one case of tuberculosis.

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ATTORNEY STANLEY REMELMEYER  
... Gets City Attorney Post

### Remelmeyer New City Attorney

Stanley E. Remelmeyer, former assistant city attorney and the acting city attorney for Torrance since the resignation of James M. Hall earlier this year, was named by the Council to begin serving his probation period as city attorney this week after he was certified as No. 1 on the civil service examination list for the job.

Remelmeyer came to Torrance more than a year ago when he successfully passed the examinations for the newly created position of assistant city attorney.

Has Filled Post  
Since that time, he has handled much of the city's business in the courts, and as an assistant to the city attorney. Since Hall's resignation, he has filled the office of city attorney.

Under normal civil service procedures, Remelmeyer will serve a six months probation period, and will then attain tenure in the office.

Ventilation Flayed  
In addition to approving the Remelmeyer appointment, the Council this week approved payment of an additional \$1495 to city hall contractors for the cabinet and counter equipment, but held up payment of another \$7286 to the general contractor until a satisfactory effort is made to get the ventilation system for the city hall operating.

Recent meetings of the City Council have been held in uncomfortable quarters because the system has not worked.

The Council also voted to join the American Municipal Assn. on the recommendation of City Manager George Stevens. Cost of the annual dues is \$200.

Looter Takes  
Budget Money  
Piggy Bank  
A "budget envelope" and a piggy bank yielded \$236 to a burglar who entered the home of Mrs. Frances McKnight at 17408 Elgar Ave., police reported Tuesday.

The victim told police she returned from a shopping trip to find that her house had been ransacked.

In addition to taking the money, the thief refreshed himself with a can of cold beer from the refrigerator.

Investigators said entry was gained through an open window.

Letters nominating candidates for the 1956 "Good Neighbor" award are now due. Rev. John Taylor, chairman of the "Good Neighbor" selection committee, said here yesterday.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor reminded Torrance area residents yesterday that the YMCA would again select the outstanding "Good Neighbor" to be honored at the annual YMCA pancake breakfast scheduled this year for Oct. 27.

### Highway Collision Hurts 12

One man received fatal injuries and 12 persons were hurt in two spectacular crashes here Saturday night which came within minutes apart in widely separated parts of the city.

Dead is Edwin Proctor, 49, of 2714 Vanderbilt Lane, Redondo Beach, who succumbed Sunday afternoon to injuries suffered in a crash late Saturday.

Police said Proctor was pushing his car along Hawthorne Ave., south of 190th St., when it was struck by an auto driven by Harold Hansen of 20021 Santee Ave.

Proctor was crushed between the rear of his machine and the front of Hansen's car. The Proctor car was hurled 93 feet by the impact and the victim's body was embedded in the grille of the Hansen auto.

Proctor was taken by Wright's Ambulance to Harbor General Hospital, where he died of internal injuries. The boy was removed to the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary. Hansen was not cited.

Twelve Injured  
A dozen persons were hurt in a spectacular three-car collision along Pacific Coast Hwy., east of Calle Mayor, late Saturday.

Investigators said a machine driven eastward by Charles R. Snow, 26, of Hollywood, sideswiped a car driven by Grover K. Hall, 19, U. S. Navy, and then hurtled a three-foot-wide island in the center of the highway to crash head-on into an auto driven by William H. Worley, 37, a Columbia Broadcasting System employe, of Manhattan Beach.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises were Snow, Worley, Mrs. William H. Worley, 35; Lynn Worley, 12; Janet Worley, 9; Robin Worley, 6; Bernadine Schmittner, 36; Sherri Schmittner, 15; Jeff

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WAITS FOR HELP... Edwin Proctor, planned to the grill of the auto which struck him on Hawthorne Ave. Saturday night is comforted by two passersby while awaiting help. Internal injuries suffered in the accident apparently caused his death the next day. (More photos on Page 3).

### Additions OK'd At North High

Plans for the construction of additional facilities at North High School was approved Tuesday night by the Torrance Board of Education. It is designed to meet an anticipated upswing in enrollment next year, and will cost an estimated \$529,000.

Approved for construction were two new classroom wings with 10 rooms; one classroom wing with a chemistry laboratory, two science rooms, and a classroom for the handicapped program; a music building; additional rest rooms and locker facilities, and installation of lighting for the athletic field.

The master plans for the school call for much additional construction, but the planned additions will be adequate for the 1957-58 school year, officials said. When the complete plan is finished, the school will house an estimated 2400 to 2500 students.

North High School, opened last year, has expanded rapidly and now has more than 1700 students, 300 more than Torrance High School. Still a third high school is expected to be ready for use in 1957-58, with the opening of South High School.

Land Condemned  
The board was informed that five acres of a proposed site at 182nd and Arlington Ave. have been placed under condemnation proceedings, as approved earlier. The land had previously been placed in escrow and a subdivider had considered the purchase of the property.

On the 238th St. site, the board was told that one of the property owners who recently had a house moved onto the property was awaiting word on the status of her property. Negotiations are now under way.

Site Held Up  
Plans for a site near the civic center are being held up, pending final determination of the use of the land in the recently-annexed Victor Tract, west of Hawthorne between Torrance and Del Amo Blvds., the board was told.

Names for proposed new schools also will be selected within the next few weeks. The board has followed a general policy of designating schools by the geographic areas in which they are located or by nearby streets.

Cartwheel, Watch  
Stolen by Thief  
A burglar who entered through an unlocked window made off with a silver dollar and a wrist watch from the home of Donald D. Haviland, at 19125 Firmona Ave., the victim reported to police Tuesday.

Man Happy Over  
Speedy Results  
OF HERALD Ad  
Larry J. Lasky, 22928 Kathryn Ave., is \$35 richer and a washing machine poorer as the result of fast action from a HERALD classified ad.

In a letter this week, Lasky said that he was delighted to sell his used washer almost immediately through a HERALD classified ad.

"I am a satisfied advertiser and you'll have my continued support," he declared.

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Everyone is invited to send in their suggestions of who should receive this honor this year," he said. Nominating letters should be sent to the Torrance YMCA, 2080 Washington Ave., Torrance.

Letters should contain information about the nominee and the activities which make the nomination appropriate. Final selection will be based on letters received before Oct. 22, the chairman said.

The "Good Neighbor" for 1956 will be announced and honored at the annual YMCA breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Civic Auditorium.

Tickets for the benefit affair are already on sale for 50 cents each, and will entitle the purchaser to a full breakfast, entertainment, and a front row seat to honor the year's "Good Neighbor," the Rev. Mr. Taylor said.